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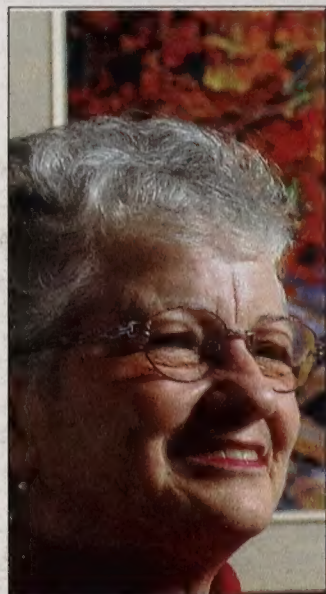
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Council says NO to plan for new offices

by MATTHEW WALLS

Times staff

In a stunning reversal, Minden Hills council voted overwhelmingly against building a new municipal office at a public meeting last Wednesday.

The decision was applauded by the fifteen audience members gathered at the Community Centre.

Reeve Ross Rigney read aloud the resolution from Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon, and seconded by Peter Oyler, stating that "the pursuit of a new office be suspended in favour of a review of an addition at 7 Milne."

Before Wednesday's vote, the seven-member council seemed destined to be deadlocked over the new office, with Rigney having to cast the deciding vote. McMahon, Oyler and Councillor Ron Buchanan had all defended the need of a new municipal office. The reeve had also supported a new municipal office, as long as it was not built on the curling club's parking lot.

However, some last minute negotiations among councillors, including a hastily organized meeting just hours before Wednesday's public meeting, produced a dramatic change.

McMahon's resolution passed 6 to 1, with Buchanan voting against, as the only councillor still in support of a new municipal office.

The reversal surprised at least several audience members. One woman said to the council, "I'd just like to know why all these

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From spring to winter...

What a difference a week makes

Minden kayaker Daniel Bullock takes advantage of the warm temperature on Saturday morning last week which saw the thermometer rise to 3 degrees celsius. Bullock kayaks year round and was also testing his skills and stamina at the Minden Wildwater Preserve in December.

More than half of local kids not active enough, study shows

by MATTHEW WALLS

Times staff

Almost 60 per cent of Haliburton County's youths spend three hours a day or more watching television during the school year, according to 'Child's Play,' a new study on youth recreation released last week by Family Services of Haliburton County.

Fay Martin, Executive Director at Family Services, said the results show that a "fairly low proportion of

our kids are involved in organized sports."

Last spring, Family Services asked grade one, four, seven and nine students across the county what athletic or cultural activities they participated in during the 2002-2003 school year and the summer preceding it. The data was then categorized by gender and township.

About half of all surveyed students played a sport

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Kinmount Lions help local health services

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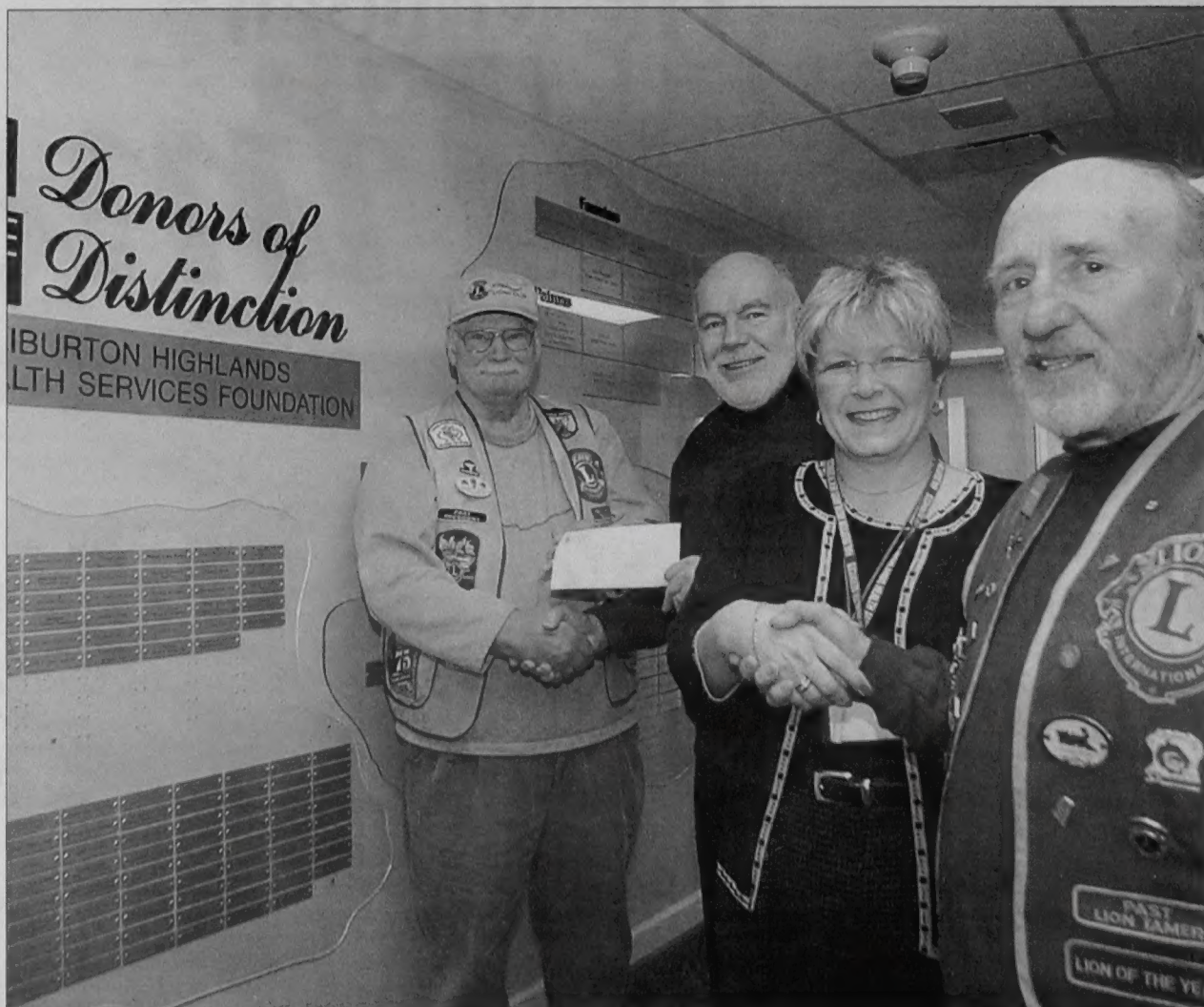
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Kids' lack of physical activity 'a problem'

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or belonged to a club.

Martin said she was astonished by the number of hours children watch television each day.

"We have more couch potatoes than we need," Martin said. "There's nothing wrong with these things [television and video games] but they need to be balanced with [recreational activities and reading]."

The study also suggested that economic differences between the townships did not significantly change the weekly frequency of Internet use.

As well, both boys and girls spent approximately the same amount of time on the Internet, with girls only a few percentage points higher. The study did not categorize what students used the Internet for (i.e. email, research, surfing or group chatting).

Between townships, Dysart et. al. had the highest percentage of recreationally active youths. Dysart et. al. also had the lowest percentage of youths watching television three hours or more a day.

For the study, staff from Family Services went to the schools and assisted the students in completing the questionnaires. Five hundred and forty-six surveys were completed, representing one fifth of the county's 2610 youths (ages 5-19).

The study replicated a select number of questions from the National Longitudinal Study on Children and Youth, Martin said, and is therefore considered accurate and reliable. Martin added that the study is the "first serious database" that Family Services has collected in its seven years of existence.

According to the handout prepared by Family Services, the survey's purpose was "to paint a fact-based picture of our children's recreational reality, and their hopes



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Archie Stouffer Elementary School Grade 3 students perform a dribbling exercise under the teaching of Liz Bloomfield on Friday, Jan. 9.

and preferences."

Martin said that the survey was also to provoke the community to ask itself if the data reflects their ideals.

"Do we have a problem?" Martin said. "Yes I think we do... It's not a bleak picture, but it's certainly not optimal."

Martin plans to present the study's findings to the county's four townships. County council decided in December that municipalities, rather than the county, would be responsible for funding recreational activities. While Martin thinks the county's logic is "foolish" – largely because children often participate in activities that are not in their township – she is willing to challenge the municipalities to uphold their word.

"I'm going to say to them, OK guys, you have to figure out what to do for your kids."

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who voted against the county resolution, said she believed her township's children were being well served. The township, Harrison said, has a full-time recreation director and a part-time recreation assistant to ensure the township satisfies its recreational needs.

However, Harrison still thinks the county would better serve the needs of its

youths, since townships do not have enough money on their own to finance projects like a municipal pool.

Harrison said keeping the responsibility at the municipal level would only force Family Services to ask individual municipalities to help fund its programs.

"I'm assuming that Fay Martin will be forced to ask municipalities for money the county refused to give."

Until this year, Family Services was funded by the Social Services Alliance Committee, representing the City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, Clarica, and money diverted from the federal government's National Child Benefit.

That money represents 20 per cent of the total amount of money the Ontario government 'claws-back' from families who are on welfare.

Martin said the money is supposed to be used by the municipality to reduce child poverty, and it will be lost if the municipalities fail to finance Family Support's recreation programs. Family Services runs a handful of programs that try to provide special needs and poorer children with the same recreational opportunities as children of wealthier families.

Family Services annual budget for the past two years has been approximately

\$50,000, and a significant part of that will have to come from municipalities if the organization's programs are to continue, Martin said.

The following are figures for the eight recreational categories surveyed at the county level:

Percentage of children who are instructed in sports once a week or more (boys, girls, overall average): 51, 38, 45.

Percentage of children who take lessons or attend groups once a week or more: B11, G36, OA24.

Percentage of children who attend clubs or organized groups once a week or more: B12, G21, OA16.

Percentage of children who play computer or video games once a week or more: B86, G68, OA77.

Percentage of children who go on-line at home once a week or more: B58, G69, OA64.

Percentage of children who watch TV more than 3 hours a day during school year: B57, G43, OA50.

Percentage of children who read once a week or more during school year: B55, G74, OA65.

Percentage of children who attend day or overnight camp (day camp, overnight camp): B13, G12.

Diesel spill at Mountain Lake 'serious' but minor

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

An unknown quantity of diesel fuel spilled into a creek on the south end of Mountain Lake for several days late last December.

The source of the fuel was a leaky 70-gallon diesel fuel storage tank belonging to Haliburton Stone Limited, according to an investigation by the Ministry of the Environment and Ivan Ingram, Operator of Waste Water Collection System and Water Distribution System for Minden Hills.

Ray Pateron noticed an oily sheen in the creek on his property beside Highway 35



on December 29th and called the Ministry of Environment, who contacted Minden Hills.

Schell and Ingram visited the site that day but, due to darkness and the lack of authority to enter private property, waited until the next day before installing socks and pads in culverts and in the creek to absorb the fuel.

After determining the source of the diesel fuel, an officer from the ministry visited the site on December 30th and ordered Haliburton Stone Limited to clean up the site. The company hired Oil Spill Control Services, which placed booms in the water.

The Ministry of Environment was unable to confirm at the time of printing the quantity of diesel fuel that spilled into the water, or if the ministry planned to fine Haliburton Stone Limited.

Both Haliburton Stone Limited and Oil Spill Control Services did not return repeated calls from *The Times*.

Ken Lewis, president of Mountain Lake Property Owners Association, said that while the association was "obviously concerned" about the oil spill, it commended everyone for acting responsibly, and was satisfied that it was a minor incident.

"This is serious. [But] it's certainly not as bad as it could have been."

Costs, as well as public opinion, influence Minden Hills' decision not to build office

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people who were for the new office have decided not to build it."

Reeve Ross Rigney at first refused to clarify the decision, though he seemed at a loss to explain on what basis. The reeve lost his resolve, however, after another audience member asked a similar question, and another interjected, "It was the incinerator."

Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon was the first to offer reasons. It was, McMahon said, "the dollars involved."

Responding to questioning from Ross Warburton over the structural soundness of adding an addition to the current building, Rigney explained, "the building is still slightly sinking, but not at the pace expected."

After the vote, council passed a resolution to hire Duncan Ross to design for a new addition and renovation of the current office. Ross will report to council on February 12th.

Outside the community centre, a visibly elated Ingram Wessell, councillor for Ward 1, was almost celebratory.

"I've been fighting it for two years," Wessell said.

Wessell was just as surprised as the audience at the vote.

"I guess Jim McMahon had a change of heart."

Indeed, the source of Wednesday's reversal was Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon, who admitted as much in an interview.

"We were going into this meeting with me as the deciding vote... So I asked where is there a compromise that would satisfy downtown merchants and the needs of the [township] staff. That's why I came up with the thought."

McMahon's thought was to investigate a year-old soils report submitted by Peto MacCallum Ltd on October 24th, 2002. Council had a verbal account of Peto MacCallum's report from then Public Works Superintendent Clayton Cameron. It had not, McMahon said, seen the full report.

The Peto MacCallum report recommended that council not build an addition on the downtown property, unless council



Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon had been strongly in favour of building a new Minden Hills office. He changed his mind, however, when other expenses took priority, and when it became clear there was no public support for the plan.

drove piles, an expensive method that would in the end cost only slightly less than a new office.

McMahon, however, remembering a design for an addition submitted four years ago by the transition committee, before the amalgamation of Minden Hills, decided that the committee's design merited a last-minute look.

"I thought we owed it to ourselves to investigate," McMahon said.

McMahon said his decision was also motivated by public opposition to the new office, as well as the growing cost for a new building, at a time when the township faces a huge jump in landfill costs and an expansion of the Agnes Jamieson gallery.

"I've been a great supporter of this building since day one. But there were too many unknowns [in the construction tender]. I [also] figured there'd be a million

in expenses this year. And listening to the residents, I didn't have any positive input. It was all negative... And I'm there to represent the town."

McMahon called Rigney on the weekend before the vote, and Rigney in turn

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JIM MCMAHON



Councillor Ingram Wessell was pleased with the decision not to build a new office. "I've been fighting this for two years" he said.

asked Kernohan Construction Ltd. on January 5th to analyze the Peto MacCallum report.

Kernohan concluded that the costly piles could be avoided by pouring a floating concrete slab as a foundation, and put in crushed gravel.

After receiving Kernohan's report, Rigney asked architect Duncan Ross to have his engineer review the report.

Rigney and McMahon then decided to call councillors on Tuesday night to schedule an emergency 1:30 meeting on Wednesday.

McMahon suggested at the closed meeting to reduce the scope of the new office building and construct a walkthrough from the existing council chambers to a smaller building, which would be down site of the current office.

McMahon's idea may have won the day, but more work still has to be done to prove the structural soundness of building on the location's soil.

Further boreholes will have to be drilled, since the council is now holding two different opinions of the same report.

Rigney said in an interview that architect Duncan Ross may have to look at "doing it the expensive way [Ross' engineer, Kieffer Engineering] originally suggested."

While the future of this smaller building is still in doubt, the death of a new municipal office is certain, and ends a question that has occupied Minden Hills since the time of its amalgamation.

Oyler said the protracted four-year debate was not a waste of time, despite the fact that council has now returned to a design more than four years old.

"I don't think it's time wasted. That's what democracy is about, finding solutions. I think in this case, we've listened to the people."

Buchanan, the lone supporter of a new municipal office, felt that the four years was a waste of time and money, and of opportunity.

A new building behind the arena, Buchanan said, would give Minden Hills the best claim to being the seat of Haliburton County, if the county goes to one-tier government, as Buchanan expects.

Instead, Buchanan said, council is choosing a four-year old design that was determined then to have "a lot of downfalls," and in the end may not save the township much money.

"We're going into this unknown rather than walk into a brand new building."

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Down in the dumps:

Minden Hills council faces huge dilemma after report shows litany of problems with landfills

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

A damning picture of mismanagement dating back over a decade is emerging from a new survey of Minden Hills' landfills by Lakefield Research Limited.

Lakefield Research's presentation to council on Thursday, detailing improper compaction methods, incorrect designs, vastly inaccurate capacity estimates and in one case, a landfill almost four times over its capacity, left several councillors gasping at the poor state of the township's landfills.

"It points to past management of landfill sites," said Councillor Peter Oyler. "Were we getting bad advice? I don't know."

Reeve Ross Rigney and Councillor Ron Buchanan both railed against the Ministry of the Environment, which recently ordered the Lochlin landfill to close immediately and the Ingoldsby landfill closed within three years.

"Do you mean to tell me that the MOE hasn't been inspecting the sites in the past twenty years?" Buchanan asked.

"What are we going to do?" Rigney asked the table. "People don't want to incinerate. So what are we going to do?"

The Ministry of the Environment was unable to comment at the time of printing.

What will likely ensue from the survey's findings are the immediate closure of the Lochlin and Little Gull landfills, the possible closures of Ingoldsby and Ironmine within three years or less, and the halving of the Scotch Line landfill's 40-year lifespan, because of the other closures.

at Ingoldsby.

An Operations and Development Plan for Ingoldsby prepared in July 1999 by the landfill's former consultant, Oliver Mangione McCalla & Associates (OMM), did not factor in the incorrect slope when it calculated the landfill's capacity, and therefore its estimate of 40,000 cubic meters was wildly inaccurate.

reached a volume of 36,000 cu/m, despite the fact that the landfill was never approved for a 40,000 cu/m capacity.

Apparently, Ingoldsby absorbed 15,000 cu/m in the past five years alone. That makes the yearly rate 3,000 cu/m, when it is supposed to be 1,000 cu/m.

The main reason Ingoldsby's waste disposal rate grew, Elliott said, was not because of the waste. The attendants were not properly compacting the waste, and hence when clean fill was spread as cover, much of it filled in gaps. The ratio of clean fill to waste is supposed to be 1/4; at Ingoldsby it was 1/2.

"It was incredible to see just how much clean fill was in it."

Other errors that were either not caught by MOE inspections or by the consultants included burning of inappropriate waste material and waste dumped beyond the approved limit area.

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'Were we getting bad advice?'

Councillor Peter Oyler

In dollars, all these changes will necessitate a jump in landfill expenses for 2004 of approximately \$271,000, to \$738,100, said Linda Elliott, who led Lakefield Research's presentation on Thursday.

Elliott's two-hour presentation provided statistics and graphics of all seven landfills in Minden Hills.

Slope ratios were steeper than they were supposed to be at almost all of the landfills, at a 3:1 ration where a 4:1 ratio was required. One picture in Elliott's PowerPoint presentation showed a 45 degree slope without any clean fill cover

As well, OMM's estimate was based on documents that neither Lakefield Research nor the MOE could find. The MOE said the landfill was only approved for a capacity of 10,000 cu/m.

In its inspection of the landfill, Lakefield Research found the waste - some of it more than 20 years old - had

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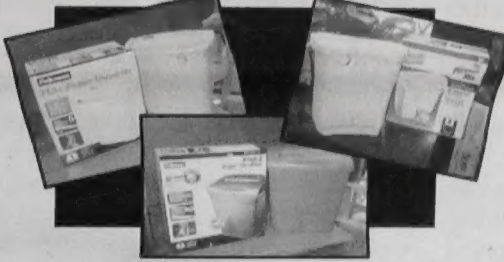
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Inadequate material separation is one of the issues that Minden Hills council, and ratepayers, must deal with to extend the life of landfills

Bag limit may be cut to two from five

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These glaring errors were common, though to a lesser extent, in all landfills. Even at the Scotch Line landfill, where waste occupies just a small portion of the landfill's approved footprint, a sizable amount of waste was found outside of the footprint.

The attendants at Scotch Line, as at other landfill sites, simply weren't aware of the landfill's limits, Elliott said.

The survey's findings and the huge rise in costs have sent councillors scrambling for solutions to meet the deadline imposed by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE).

The MOE has given the township until January 16 to produce an emergency plan for the Lochlin site and a three-year closure plan for Ingoldsby. As well, Elliott told council that increasing the rate of waste disposal at Scotch Line will require approval from the MOE.

Councillor Peter Oyler recommended

that council ask Environmental and Property Operations Manager Bob Romberg to draft a plan for greater diversion from landfill sites, including more recycling and reducing the current five-bag limit to two.

"I know it's harsh, but other municipalities have done it," Oyler said.

Elliott expressed shock at discovering Minden Hills residents can bring five bags of waste to their nearest landfill per week.

"That's wild, you don't hear about that anywhere," said Elliott. "If you can throw away five bags a week, where is the incentive to recycle?"

Oyler said the plan should be prepared by February or March.

"I think it's time we start moving in that direction."

Romberg will ask the MOE for an Emergency Certificate of Approval submit a plan to the MOE approval for a transfer station at Lochlin. However, Elliott said the transfer bins currently installed at the

site have "filled faster than we expected."

"The volumes that are coming in have surprised us," Elliott said.

Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon blamed the increase in waste on inadequate compacting.

"It boils right down to compacting the materials we're letting in," McMahon said.

"Building materials are not allowed with domestic waste. That's the first place we have to look"

"At Scotch Line, we have a bed mattress right beside household waste. It's unacceptable."

The township only recently hired a waste contractor who uses a powerful compactor that will extend the landfills' life.

Several times during the landfill discussion, Rigney, Buchanan and Oyler all broached the idea of acquiring an incinerator, although Elliott said MOE regulations make it difficult to get approval for an incinerator, and it may not even be appro-

priate for Minden Hills.

"We believe it's not cost-effective for a smaller municipality," Elliott said. She added, however, "For a county it may be."

Elliott told council that any kind of discussion would require public input into the decision, both because MOE regulations require it and because it is better for the township.

For the time being, Elliott said, council faces an increase in the waste disposal rate at Scotch Line, due to the closures of Lochlin and inevitably Ingoldsby and Irondale.

One positive note in this otherwise gloomy picture is that the municipality has at least two decades of use left in its Scotch Line landfill. During that time, the municipality will have the opportunity to look at new technologies and deal with new changes at the MOE.

"There are other municipalities that are much worse off, that envy your situation," Elliott said.

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Minden Hills Council briefs

Gallery stresses need for support

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

The following are brief notes of last Thursday's Meeting of the Whole for Minden Hills.

Gallery expansion still up in air

Though the Agnes Jamieson Gallery has lowered its expansion cost from \$519,000 to \$450,000, the gallery will have to provide council with a better breakdown of its funding sources before council approves any financial help to the gallery.

"Show me the money," demanded Councillor Peter Oyler.

The gallery sought to lower costs because the original tenders received last December had exceeded the gallery's estimate to build the expansion, by over \$100,000.

Gallery administrator Laurie Carmount had previously asked the council to help finance the expansion, though council seemed confused over how much money the gallery was hoping to receive from grants and how much money the gallery expected from council.

The gallery has already been granted \$211,000 from Superbuild, good until March 31, 2006. The gallery committee also plans to fundraise \$45,000 over three years.

Council had previously committed to providing \$164,000 over three years, though council could not confirm that figure, since a documented record of the amount was not available at the meeting.

Carmount tried to impress upon council the gallery's urgency in getting a municipal

guarantee of financial help. The tender is only good until February 6, and the gallery's schedule of exhibits for 2004, as well as two grants from the Ontario Arts Council, may be lost if the expanded gallery is not ready to open on June 1.

Deputy Reeve Jim McMahon asked Carmount if the gallery committee was being realistic by trying to open on June 1st.

Councillor Cheryl Murdoch, while recognizing the gallery's urgency, said she supported the project but, like Oyler, wanted to see where the money was coming from.

"We all want to see this fly," Murdoch said. "But we have to come up with some money."

Carmount, however, said she is unlikely to find out if the gallery will be approved for art grants by the next council meeting on January 22, when the gallery will report to council again.

After the meeting, Carmount said the

gallery committee would meet again to make a detailed list of all its expected financial sources.

A wellspring of financial woe

Bringing wells into compliance with the Ministry of Environment's Regulation 170 will cost council \$10,000, Environmental & Property Operations Manager Bob Romberg told council.

The wells at the Minden water plant are not supposed to exceed 22.6 l/sec, and the township must have a licensed well contractor inspect the well for the water plant to be compliant with Regulation 170.

Council, following Romberg's recommendation, approved \$10,000 and "whatever else is required" to hire Lotowater Geoscience to inspect the wells.

Mock evacuation planned

Hyland Crest and Minden Hospital plan to

hold a mock evacuation on April 28th, 2004, as part of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' accreditation procedure.

The evacuation will test HHHS' emergency response capabilities, and will therefore simulate an emergency as realistically as possible.

Sixty-four students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School will act as patients, and hospital and firefighter personnel will be involved in the exercise, said Minden Fire Chief Dough Schell.

2003 surplus to go to landfills

Council will likely have a surplus of \$300,000 from 2003, and the committee of the whole recommended that council transfer it to the Landfill Sites Reserve at the January 22nd council meeting.

The \$300,000 figure is still an estimate, since not all of the 2003 invoices have been paid.

Building Permits down in 2003

Building permits in 2003 dropped from 360 in 2002 to 312, with the biggest decrease in new dwellings, from 93 to 56. The construction value, however, did not drop as much (\$14.2 million to \$13.7 million). This was largely due to the rise in construction costs. In 2002, the average construction cost was \$118,254; in 2003, that rose to \$148,205.

Despite the drop in building permits, the township's revenue from permit fees actually increased. It rose approximately \$3,000, up to \$70,598.

Minden Cultural centre plans public forum

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre is asking the public to help shape the centre's future. The centre is hosting a Visioning and Community Needs Workshop on Saturday, January 31.

"The information gathered during this Workshop will help us create a strategic plan for the Cultural Centre" said administrator Laurie Carmount.

The day, which will run from 10 am to 3 pm, will include a presentation, workshoping in smaller groups and overall discussion, with a break for lunch, which will be supplied.

The Centre includes the Minden Public Library, the Minden Hills Museum, and the Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

If you want to attend, you are asked to RSVP before January 26 by leaving a message at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, (705) 286-3763

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

Difficult decision

Many of Minden Hills' taxpayers will applaud what they view as council's fiscal responsibility for quashing the construction of a new municipal building.

Given the uncertain financial situation, this was simply not the time to invest in a new municipal building.

Pending expenses regarding the landfill sites and the costs associated with closing them and finding alternate methods of disposing of garbage could put a damper on municipal spending. The addition to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery is another commitment that will require municipal funding. Both of those factors are likely to have influenced a change of heart among those members of council who supported the construction of a new municipal office.

If council had any hope of holding the line on taxes, spending more than a million dollars at this time on a new building was out of the question.

We recognize the advantage of having all municipal employees under one roof. Even with the modern technology of e-mail, faxes and such, there is still a lot of travel by employees from one site to the other. With everyone in the same building, those costs would be eliminated.

We also realize that renovations to the old building may not be the most cost efficient way to go either. But until council knows for sure what the costs associated with waste disposal will be for the next few years – closing of landfill sites is a very expensive proposition – putting a hold on a new building may be the right decision.

The fact that nobody could seem to agree on where a new building should be constructed is another factor working against construction of a new building at this time. The curling club parking lot was an unacceptable choice to many and the property at the corner of Bobcaygeon Road and Fleming Road on the same block as the fairgrounds was deemed, by some, to be too far from Minden's downtown area.

Renovations to the current building on Milne Street will likely be only a temporary solution. In all likelihood, a new building will be required some time in the future.

Spending money on renovations and an addition to the current building may seem like a waste, but on the plus side it will increase the value of that property. When the time comes for a move to a new building, the old one will have more resale value.

The municipality has access to restructuring funding just over \$400,000, with the provision that an additional 25 per cent must be supplied by the township. If an addition and retrofit of the old building can be kept to half a million dollars, the cost to the taxpayers of Minden Hills will be \$100,000, less than a tenth of the cost of a new building.

In all fairness, council faced a difficult decision. Under better circumstances, a new building in a suitable location would be the logical choice. But in this time of financial uncertainty, it appears council has decided to err on the side of caution.

It is a no win situation. Proponents of a new building will argue that it will cost more in the long run because renovations to the old building will only delay the inevitable. They will say when the time comes to build a new municipal office it will cost considerably more. And they may very well be right.

As much as we would like a new municipal office, we would find it very hard to justify. Opponents could reasonably argue that the money just isn't there. The municipal budget is already "taxed" to the limit (pun intended). There is no room for an additional million-dollar debt without either cuts to services such as road repairs or a hefty hike to our tax bills. That is a trade-off few would support.

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Meltwater

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TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

Timing matters

To the Editor:

Re: *Evening meetings may not be the best. Letter to the editor December 22, 2003*

I find it surprising that Mr. Valentine would be opposed to evening meetings. When Mr. Valentine was a teacher and also sat on Lutterworth Council, the meetings at that time were in the evening. To whose or what benefit did that serve?

In my opinion the issue is not only day-time or evening, it is also what day of the week. In order for all ratepayers to have fair representation at council meetings, would it not be fair for meetings to be on an evening when the majority of ratepayers are available including seasonal ratepayers such as a Friday. Staff working at these meetings would be compensated.

In Mr. Valentine's letter he refers to

some past storms as "old howlers". Well Mr. Valentine, I remember one "old howler" very clearly. I drove three hours from Scarborough (1 hour longer than usual) to attend an evening council meeting. Mr. Valentine was so considerate; he put me at the end of the agenda. In addition to this, when my turn came, Mr. Valentine was so considerate, he brought into play a very little known by-law whereas I was limited to five minutes for my presentation after which time I drove the three hours home again. What were the approximate times and distances for Mr. Valentine's trips to and from council even in an "old howler".

At least now the new Council has decided to hear delegations earlier on in the meeting.

C. Gerditschke
Moore's Lake

More letters next page

IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

A walk in the pork

There is unlucky and then there is really unlucky. Unlucky would be coming home to find your home ransacked. Really unlucky would be walking in on the animal that did it.

So, it is with great sympathy that I pass along the tale of a German man who returned to his apartment only to find a massive wild boar hiding under his dining room table. In case you don't know it, wild boar, complete with their razor sharp tusks and junkyard dog dispositions, are considered among the most dangerous of all game animals. It follows then that they are also notoriously poor house guests.

What strikes me most about this tragic story is the apartment owner's casual approach to the situation - especially given the fact that the average tusk height of a wild boar coincides with the average crotch height of an apartment dweller.

Instead of backing away or calling his superintendent or the police, our apartment dwelling friend took matters into his own hands. Naturally, it went very badly. The police report noted: "The wild

boar broke into the living room through a terrace door and hid under a table. When the 54-year old resident tried to shoo the boar back out the door, it went wild."

No surprise there. It was, after all, a -- and this should have been his first clue -- wild boar.

Unfortunately, too many of us make this simple mistake. Obviously, more education is needed. So, as a public service, I'd like to provide insight to anyone finding themselves in just such a situation.

The first thing to do is avoid this circumstance altogether. That's why experts, such as myself, do not even own a dining room table. This simple act is the key to prevention. Without a dining room table, you've given the boar no opportunity to put you in this awkward and dangerous position. Some so-called experts sometimes point to the

kitchen table possibility, but they're just being paranoid. Believe me, it never happens.

Yet even armed with this knowledge, there are still risk-takers who insist on

owning dining room tables, often with matching hutch and chairs. I guess,

despite mounting evidence, they think that this sort of thing only happens to the other guy. Well, as our German friend will attest, they're deluding themselves.

The big furniture conglomerates don't help either. They've been covering this up for years. Not once has a furniture catalog

even mentioned wild boar in passing. There's too much at stake. After all, this is a multi-million dollar industry and if news of the wild boar epidemic ever got out, it'd be ruined.

Recently, I took it upon myself to ask a

salesman at a well-known furniture store some hard-hitting questions about the dining room table-wild boar

connection. At first he looked at me like I was crazy. Then he quickly terminated the interview and had me escorted from the store. Interestingly enough, he never actually denied my allegation.

Rest assured, I'm about to blow the lid off of this story. It's rumored that the German victim is about to launch a class action suit against the furniture industry. All he need do is find another person whose life has been ruined by their negligence and a lawyer willing to take on the industry.

Of course, this is not as easy as it sounds. Even in today's modern society, there is a stigma associated with discovering a wild boar under your dining room table - especially in the middle of a formal dinner party.

Though it can happen to anyone, people still leave thinking that your place was a pigsty. And that, my dear wife, is why we don't need to purchase a new dining room set for our house.



BEYOND35

Steve Galea

Take this job and shove it

You want a sure-fire conversation starter? Ask people about the worst job they ever had. You get some great answers. I met a guy who used to work in an auto assembly plant in Ontario. His job was to put the left rear tire on every Ford that came down the assembly line. He said that when the heat was on, he could do 52 cars an hour. He reckoned he handled 24 tons worth of tires each working day.

My worst job? Well, I was a tar and gravel roofer for a couple of summers. That was pretty bad, lugging buckets of stinking, boiling pitch all day under the blazing sun. We wore heavy pants, hats, gloves and shirts with long sleeves buttoned at the wrist because it was so hot on the roof, it really didn't make any difference if you were swaddled like a Bedouin or wearing a thong. And the heavy clothes meant you didn't get burned by the pitch. As much. What made it really ugly was that I worked with a crew of semi-insane French Canadians who liked to start work at 4 AM when it was cool. Which would have been fine, except that after eight hours, overtime kicked in and we would work all afternoon as well.

My impromptu survey has taught me one thing: a job doesn't have to bust your hump to qualify as bad. A lot of the really crummy jobs are white-collar and found, surprisingly, in the world of science.

Take Helge Zieler, a veteran research biologist who works in Brazil. His area of expertise is mosquitoes. Zieler's job is to hike into the depths of the rain forest, sit down and roll up his sleeves - and count the number of mosquito bites he and his fellow researchers endure.

Brazilian mosquitoes are an especially ravenous breed. Zieler once tabulated 3,000 bites over a three-hour period. That works out to 17 bites a minute.

Other lousy science jobs? Well, there's a laboratory in Virginia where, every working day, 19 people report for duty - all probably praying that they win the lottery that week. They are 'dysentery stool sample analyzers'. Which means they get to crack open stool-sample can-

isters and analyze the contents all the live-long day.

Which, bad as it sounds, is probably more pleasant than the work done by two 'special assistants' recently hired by Michael Levitt. He's a gastroenterologist in Minneapolis, hard at work on a study of how, ahem, bodily gas provides clues to the health of digestive organs.

Which is where the two 'special assistants' come in. Their job description: Flatus Odour Judges. They got to take a deep whiff of 100-odd canned samples of human flatulence and to rank them by degree of reek.

Another job I heard about but failed to track down: Barnyard Masturbators.

Apparently some researchers are given the task of with 'gathering' animal sperm needed for research on fertility and artificial insemination. Egad. You don't suppose that's where the phrase 'chicken jerky' comes from?

Ah, but let me leave you with a related

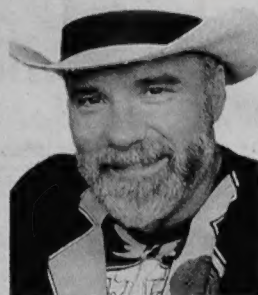
- and sunnier - story. This one comes from Alberta where a tiny advertisement recently appeared in the University of Calgary student newspaper. The ad was placed by an Australian group called The Reproductive Medicine Clinic, a fertility clinic in the town of Albury, in New South Wales. The clinic is looking for healthy young Canadian men between the ages of 18 and 40.

Qualifications? Functioning gonads is about all that's required. The Clinic is offering the lucky applicants a free plane ticket to Australia and back, two weeks accommodation and meals, all expenses paid, a free medical exam thrown in. And all the lads have to do is donate some sperm every couple of days.

But hang on -- this seems like a rather unchallenging assignment. Why Calgary semen? Aren't Ozzie blokes up to the task, as it were?

Apparently it's tough to get Australian volunteers these days because of a new law that says sperm donors Down Under can no longer remain anonymous.

Not surprisingly, the Australian clinic has been flooded with eager Albertan applicants. Can't say I'm surprised. As jobs go, it sure beats roofing.



ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

Expanded gallery would benefit everyone

To the Editor:

Re: Expansion/renovation of Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden

We understand that all the bid tenders are higher than originally estimated. Hopefully one can be scaled down to within reach of municipal council, perhaps by briefly delaying plans for renovating the municipal building. Council members and staff may suffer cramped elbows for a few years, but benefits from the expanded gallery will flow potentially to everyone, in two ways. Cultural resources not only

serve individual adults and children (education, skills development, broadening life interests), but they also continuously serve the community socially and economically.

Haliburton County has been blessed by its natural resources, inviting early settlers (miners, lumbermen, farmers) and then cottagers. Some of them worked hard to begin the now thriving School of Fine Arts in the town of Haliburton, which in turn has brought more settlers (many artists)

and art students.

The Minden Cultural Centre is now taking an important step - to equip the Agnes

Jamieson Gallery to show traveling exhibits as well as expanding space for work by local artists and its own collection

of works by Andre Lapine (an early artist-settler here in the 1920s-40s). More people, including artists, will be attracted to study, work, settle, cottage or vacation here.

We are long-time cottagers in the area (one of us since the early 1940s) and members of the A.J. Gallery. We choose to do our weekly shopping for food and the endless cottage repairs (and bring along our visitors) in either Minden or Haliburton depending upon the current exhibit at either art gallery, craft exhibits, classes in art, desperate need of a new book, as well as kayak races, etc. Most of us love outdoor activities, summer and winter... but Haliburton County is also a growing centre for the arts. That combination of attractions is hard to beat.

Maureen and John Orton, Canning Lake and Toronto

MORE LETTERS

Times readers write

Owners free to challenge assessment values used to calculate property taxes

Ontario property owners recently received their property assessment notices from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) for the 2004 taxation year. The assessed value of properties is determined by all the buildings, improvements and land that comprise the property, and this assessment is used to calculate the municipal and education taxes a property owner will pay.

The assessment property owners received for 2004 is based on the "current value" of the property as of June 30, 2003. "Current Value" is the price that a willing buyer would pay a willing seller in an arm's-length transaction, if the transaction were to have taken place June 30, 2003.

If owners disagree with the assessed value on their property, there are two steps that can be taken to obtain a review of the assessment.

First, a "Request for Reconsideration" of the property assessment can be filed with MPAC. This is an informal process, available free of charge, where MPAC re-evaluates the assessment of the property in question. Request for Reconsideration forms and information about the property assessment process are available at municipal offices, MPAC offices, on the Internet at www.mpac.ca, or by calling 1-866-296-6722.

If an owner and MPAC cannot reach an agreement, the

owner may wish to file a complaint with the Assessment Review Board (ARB). There is a fee required to file a complaint with the ARB and complaints must be filed by March 31, 2004.

"We strongly encourage property owners to contact the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation if they disagree with the assessed value before going to the expense of filing a complaint at the Assessment Review Board," says ARB Chair Marie Hubbard. "Often a resolution can be reached with MPAC with no need for further action."

Complaints can be filed electronically through the ARB's web site at www.arb.gov.on.ca and can also be mailed, faxed, or delivered to the Board in person. Forms, instructions and information pamphlets are available at the ARB's office at 250 Yonge St. in Toronto, at MPAC and municipal offices, and at Government Information Centres (GICs) across Ontario.

Information about the ARB and filing a complaint is available on the Board's website or by calling (416) 314-6900 or toll-free 1-800-263-3237.

The Assessment Review Board is an independent adjudicative tribunal established under statute by the Province of Ontario that hears complaints filed by property owners who believe there is an error in the assessed value or classification of a property. The Board, which operates under a variety of legislation including the Assessment Act, also deals with complaints on matters such as school support designation and property tax appeals. Visit the ARB at www.arb.gov.on.ca.

Local students' Gr. 9 math scores better than many

Educators at Trillium Lakelands District School Board are beginning their year with a boost. In a comparison of Grade 9 EQAO math results with 13 neighbouring school boards, TLDSB came out on top.

Near the end of last year, it was known that 2003 math results from Grade 9 EQAO testing in Trillium Lakelands were higher than the provincial average, the board said in a recent press release, but the board had not yet compared the results with those from school boards working with similar demographics.

"I am extremely pleased to note that we are at the top of this comparison," said superintendent Dale Robinson. "There has been a lot of hard work attributed to these high scores: From our teachers, our curriculum consultants, right down to the effort by the students themselves."

Robinson is the Superintendent of Program and Assessment for Trillium Lakelands DSB and has been involved with coming up with strategies to enhance student learning.

"Our focus has been on improving our EQAO scores by placing emphasis on teacher training, math program initiatives, and curriculum consultants," Director of Education David Hill, said. "It's wonderful to see the results. We continue to place this emphasis on our future Grade 9 students with early math initiatives taking place right from the start in our primary grades."

Trillium Lakelands officials believe their strategy of classroom assessments, program initiatives, and consultant assistance will continue to help improve students' EQAO scores.



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**Foodbank needs:**

Minden Food Bank's manager Caroline Christian with two-year-old granddaughter Kathryn Christian shows the bank's half-empty shelves. With more than 200 families using the food bank last year, the need has increased this year to 214 and donations would be greatly appreciated. The usual non-perishables are always welcome (peanut butter, canned vegetables, but in particular baby items such as formula and diapers, and products for children's lunches such as snack bars, juice boxes and cookies. Vegetables such as potatoes and onions would be helpful too.

Fur Harvesters' Workshop set for Jan. 18

Trappers, as well as those who appreciate the luxurious feel and warmth of real fur, will meet at the Minden Community Centre on January 18 for the annual Minden Fur Harvesters' Workshop. The doors will open at 10 a.m. and the event will run until 4 p.m.

One of the most popular attractions of the workshop is the Fur Fashion Show presented by Cahill Furs of Peterborough. A bevy of local beauties will showcase

the fur fashions.

Demonstrations and displays of prepared fur are regular features of the event. Among the displays will be the North Bay and the North American fur harvesters, Canadian Trappers' Supply Fish-Fur-Game Taxidermy and a Tupperware booth.

Fur preparation contests, door prizes and the usual "guess the weight of the beaver" and "guess the num-

ber of jellybeans in the jar" contests are on the agenda.

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More than just a pretty face

Michelle Simmons is vying for the Miss Teen Canada title

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Michelle Simmons may sometimes be short on words, but is big on action as she entered the Miss Teen Canada pageant despite what people said.

by MATTHEW WALLS
Times staff

Going against type is what Michelle Simmons does best.

Unlike the typical pageant competitor, she is a seventeen-year-old who plays rugby for the Fenelon Falls Secondary School Falcons with the bruises to match.

This fair-skinned, red-haired "tomboy", as her mother describes her, is searching for a 1940s-style evening gown--she likes its classic

look.

In early April, Simmons will wear the gown for the evening gown competition at the Miss Teen Canada pageant, with a tiara proclaiming her as Miss Teen Haliburton.

The pageant is for 13 to 19 year olds, and a contestant must declare her candidacy for the town she lives in, or within a one-hour distance. Simmons, who hails from Kinmount, chose Haliburton.

It is Simmons first time as a pageant contestant. Her parents, who were at first slightly doubtful of their daughter's seriousness, are excited, as are her friends, who seemed to find out

overnight of her new status as Miss Teen Haliburton.

Though she says she is not really the type to participate in a pageant, and though she entered her name as a joke along with a friend, Simmons is now busy finding financial sponsors -- it is not cheap she said -- and working on her platform.

The platform requires the contestant to speak at length on a certain subject during an interview with judges. The contestant must then promote that platform at various events for the year that she holds her city's title.

The platform reflects the pageant's

emphasis on academics and interviews with judges, Simmons says.

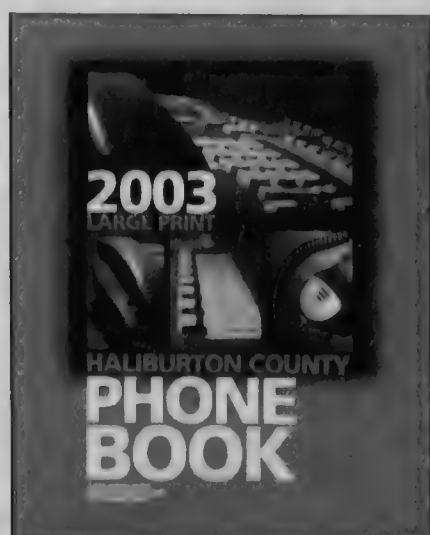
It is worth 40 per cent of the total evaluation, as compared to 20 per cent for the evening gown, 20 for aerobic wear and 20 for fashion wear.

Well-aware of the controversy surrounding pageants, Simmons says she has been trying to defend the pageant to friends by pointing to the academic scholarship that Miss Teen Canada wins.

The pageant is about "getting what you want to say out more than beauty," she said, although she admits that having seen the photos of some of the other

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Simmons and Miss Teen Peterborough embarking on the journey together to become Miss Teen Canada

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contestants, not everyone seems to have entered the contest strictly to parade their brains.

For her platform, Simmons, who obviously is not short of gumption, plans to "demolish the stigma that goes along with mental illness."

Simmons first became aware of the stigma, she said, through her aunt's work as a pharmacist in Lindsay, where she delivered medicine to mental illness clinics. Simmons said people's most common reaction, she has found, is to label someone with a mental illness as "crazy" in a knee-jerk reaction, without seeking to understand the individual's illness.

A psychology course at high school further stimulated her interest in mental illness. Simmons hopes to be a forensic psychologist, one reason being that she would never be bored with the job. Queens University, she said, is her preferred choice for study, with Laurentian University and Trent University as alternatives.

Besides the interview with the judges, Simmons also has to wear three outfits, the evening gown, aerobic wear and fashion wear.

The aerobic outfit is a black leotard, Simmons said, to "strut your muscles."

The fashion outfit is chosen by the contestant to reflect her style. Simmons says she will be pressed to decide on anything, since she doesn't know from one day to the next what she will wear.

The pageant is four months away, but Simmons is already "really nervous." Her friend who applied with her also made it, as Miss Teen Peterborough, and the two of them will travel to London, along with a still undetermined number of others from across Canada.

The first day will be interviews, and then the top ten will be announced on April 3rd, as will be the winner of Miss Teen Canada. Simmons said the pageant might be televised.

As to why she decided to jump into the spotlight of a pageant, Simmons says she became interested after a presentation at her school by a former student who now works as a director for the pageant.

This woman told them that the pageant is a good opportunity to improve your public speaking, to make a lot of good friends, to improve your resume and to spread awareness of your subject.

But before she can do any of that, Simmons will have to find her gown. The Internet has so far turned up nothing to catch her eye.



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Simmons entered the pageant after hearing how positive an experience it is.

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French Immersion Programs

Information nights will be held at each of the schools offering French Immersion:

Haliburton:	Stuart Baker ES	February 3, 2004 6:30 pm
Muskoka:	Monck PS	January 27, 2004 7:00 pm
	Riverside PS	January 28, 2004 7:00 pm
Lindsay:	Leslie Frost PS	January 26, 2004 7:00 pm (reindate - January 28, 2004 7:00 p.m.)

For more information please contact the school in your area. School phone numbers can be found on the TLDSB website at

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Registration forms will be available at each location and must be returned to the appropriate school by February 6, 2004.

Potential French Immersion students may register at their local school for JK or they may register for JK at the French Immersion School in their area. After March 31st, registration of out-of-area JK students at French Immersion schools will only be permitted if space is available.

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Frighteningly funny play



The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's Grade 12 class taught by Elke Zilla will be performing *When the Autumn Moon is Bright* (written by John Palla) at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at 7 p.m. on Jan. 14, 15, and 16. Directed by Arlen Davis-Mighton, the play promises to tickle the funny bone through slapstick and witty dialogue, but keep you guessing about how it will all end. The list of characters includes monsters, vampires and mad scientists with fair maidens. Davis-Mighton said this play will leave everyone with a smile on their face whether young in age or just young at heart. Tickets are \$7.50 for general admission and \$5 for students. They can be purchased at the door or from students.



Top: At centre, Josh Wales, playing Ignatz, fends off the attacks of the Thing, acted by Brad Mickle, and protects the fair Camille, acted by Jodi Curry.
Above: Bela, played by Jill Parrish, laughs giddily as a bound Fulton played by Sterling Crowe learns of his fate.
Left: Mickle, throws Josh Wales' character out the window in the final scenes of the play.

Photos by Darren Lum

Mary Hicks sees more time with family and artwork

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

After 10 years as a volunteer with the Minden Food Bank Mary Hicks is turning her attention to other priorities. For most of the past 10 years, she served as chair of the organization. She took over from Judith McKay and served in that capacity until two years ago when Barbara Walford-Davis assumed those responsibilities.

"I'm slowly retiring," Hicks said. "I need a change. I do a lot of church work and I like to paint. I'd like to do more of that."

With a little more time to devote to painting, perhaps we'll see more artwork at the Agnes Jamieson Gallery with Mary Hicks' signature in the near future. Hicks said most of her work has been done in watercolour. But she started using oils last year and she likes that medium. Landscapes have been her main subject matter, but with more time at the easel, she thinks she may try some other subject matter.

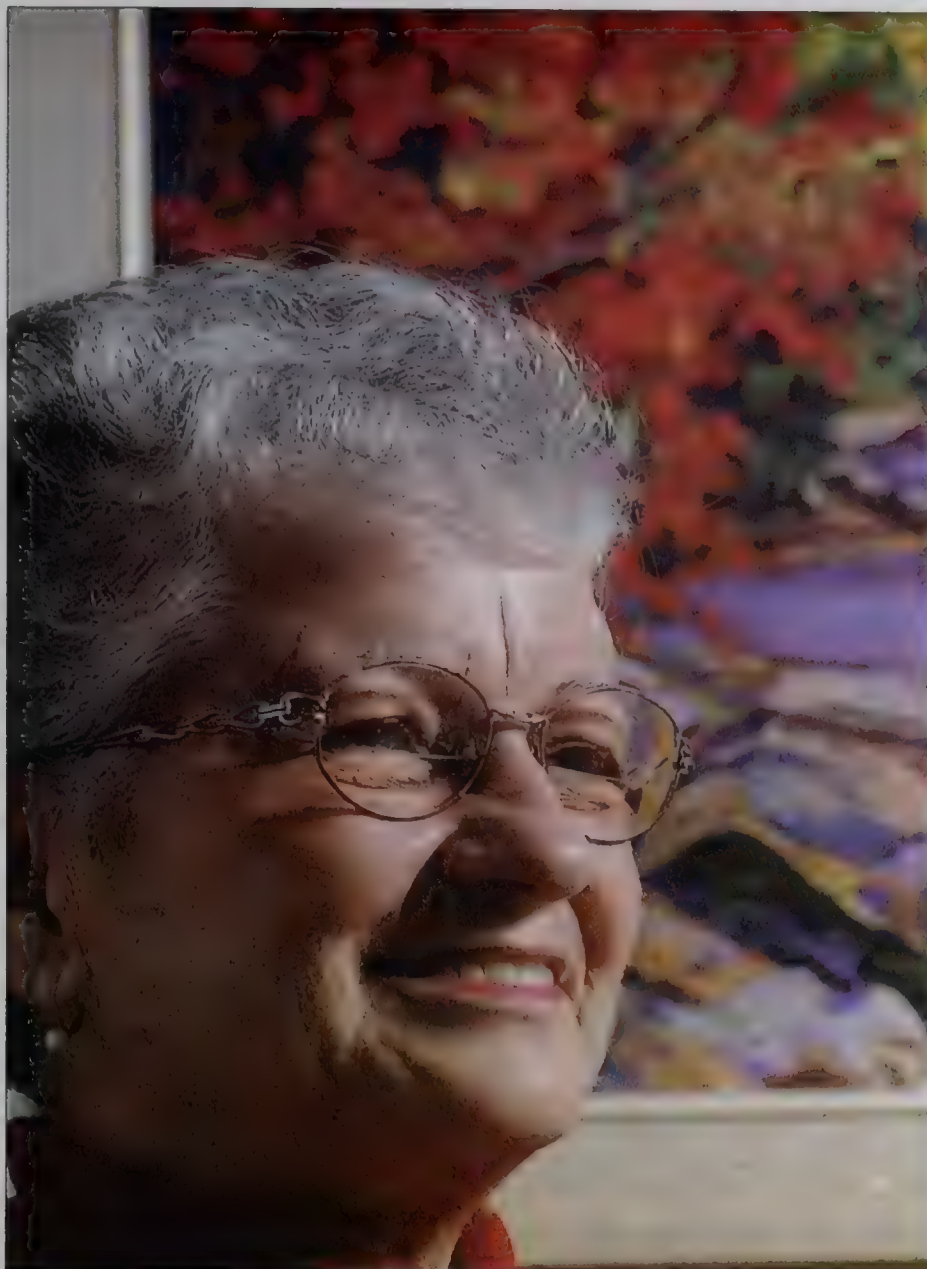
In addition, she plans to spend more time with her husband Jim and their 20 grandchildren.

Ten years ago, she said she went in to the Food Bank to "see what it was all about." The organization was in need of volunteers, so Hicks, who had recently retired from almost 35 years of teaching, accepted the challenge.

"I felt lucky that I had taught for almost 35 years and I wanted to give something to the community," she said. There was a need and Hicks had the time to help, so she offered her services.

A year later, when Judith McKay retired as chair, Hicks took over.

Hicks said she has seen some positive changes over the years. It was a very small organization 10 years ago. It has since grown to about 20 or more volun-



DARREN LUM/TIMES

Mary Hicks loves to paint landscapes in her spare time.

teers. One of those volunteers is Carolyn Christian, who manages the operation - opening and closing the depot on the days it is in operation. Christian also looks after the donations. Hicks says Christian manages the operation, a luxury the Food Bank didn't always have.

The 2003 Christmas campaign went very well, Hicks said. "The community was very responsive," she said. A total of 120 baskets were distributed, 10 fewer than the 2002 campaign. Hicks sees that as a positive sign.

A total of \$29,500 was collected from the community - churches, businesses, service clubs, community organizations and individuals for 2003. The total expenses were nearly \$30,500. More than \$26,000 was spent on food. The remainder went toward rent, insurance, office and cleaning supplies, telephone and other expenses. An average of 57 families per month were served. More than 200 different families, 44 of them new for 2003, used the services of the Minden Food Bank. An average of 248 bags of groceries were distributed each month.

She said the local churches help the food bank with regular donations. The same holds true for many local service clubs and individuals.

Hicks gets upset when she hears criticism of people who need the services of the food banks. She has often heard people say the food banks aren't necessary and people should get jobs. The reasons for needing the food bank's services are varied and temporary in most cases. People who have used the food bank in

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*Her work at
the Minden
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the past have come back and donated money and or groceries when they have rebounded from their problems. "We've also had people come back and volunteer," Hicks said. "One man - when the food bank was behind the Valu-mart - came in with a whole shopping cart full of food. He said we were there for him when he needed it and he was giving something back." Things like that, she says, restores her faith in mankind.

Cash donations are sometimes used to buy baby formula for new mothers. The local grocery stores also offer the best possible prices for groceries purchased by the food banks.

The aim of the food bank is to provide nourishing food. At one time, only canned goods or dry food was accepted. But now, the organization has freezers and coolers and is able to provide meat and fresh produce.

Use of the food banks is usually limited to once a month. They want to avoid people becoming dependent on them. The local food banks network with each other as well as the Food Action Group for Haliburton County (a program of the Health Unit) to make sure the system

isn't abused.

Hours of the Minden Food Bank are Mondays and Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. and on the second Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hicks encourages people to donate to the food banks year-round. She is a believer in the compassion people have for their fellow citizens who are in need. "It's only possible when people care and share," she said.



Left: Minden Food Bank's past chair Mary Hicks goes over 200 receipts and thank you cards for the 2003 year with chair Barbara Walford Davis and treasurer Jim Hicks.

Above: Mary is looking forward to other pursuits such as her painting which has been showcased at the local gallery.

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For more information about the Compassionate Care Benefit, call 1 800 O-Canada (1 800 622-6232), 1 800 465-7735 (TTY) or visit www.canada.gc.ca.



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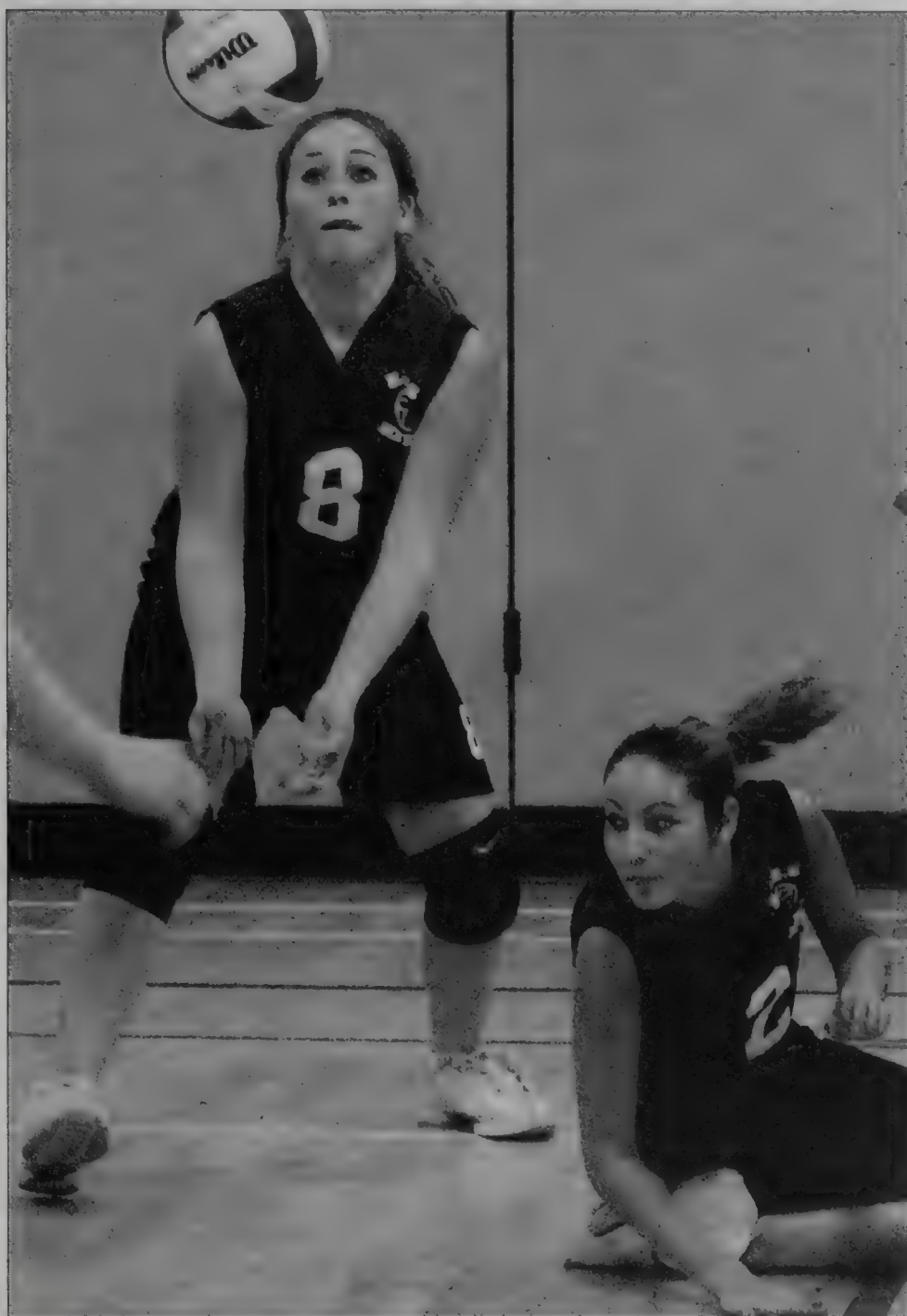


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Red Hawks set eyes on the prize



Rebecca Ide gets to loose ball as Cassidy Zilla slides under her, avoiding colision.

Tournament Scores

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The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School were soaring when the junior girls volleyball team hosted a tournament on Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Posting a 6-2 record the Red Hawks are looking poised to make a trip to COSSA. With strong play from Cassidy Zilla, Paige Collins, Julie Johnson, Rebecca Ide, Kirsten Rae, Brittany Hicks, Natalia Rico and Sherri Walker the team has a lot to look forward to.

OPP: Stay off the ice

There is no such thing as 100% safe ice!

The Kawartha Lakes OPP received a report of children skating on ice in Coboconk on January 1st. Upon police arrival, all the kids had left.

With the mild, unpredictable temperatures we've experienced many bodies of water have not even had time to freeze. Some of the smaller areas of water have ice but in many cases is not safe enough to support any weight.

The recommended minimum ice thick-

ness is 4" of new clear ice for travel on foot, 5" for snowmobiles and all terrain vehicles and 8 - 12" for smaller vehicles. These thicknesses are merely guidelines for new, clear, solid ice. Many factors other than thickness can cause ice to be unsafe.

Check for unknown thin ice areas with a local resort or residence that live in the area. You can test the thickness yourself using an ice chisel, ice auger or even a cordless drill with long bit.

Be cautious and stay safe!

OFSC advise against riding this week

The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs warns that conditions for snowmobiling are extremely dangerous this week and will likely remain so through the upcoming weekend. The OFSC provincial snowmobile trail system remains closed.

The recent spell of mild temperatures and rain have made ice conditions very unstable and melted most December snow off the

trails. Snowmobilers are advised to stay off of all frozen waterways and closed trails.

Any fresh snow accumulations and lower temperatures this week will not be enough to make snowmobiling safe this week. Anyone who chooses to ride at this time does so at their own risk and faces dangers such as thin ice and insufficient snow cover that can easily result in tragedy.

Nick Biljetina bowls 799 triple at Carnarvon

Tuesday Afternoon League (January 6)

High average: Ken Thompson 215; Lillian Mattsson 180, High single: Ernie Winterburr/Nick Biljetina 233; Kathleen Paudash 223, High single (handicap): Nick Biljetina 286; Kathleen Paudash 273, High triple: John Pugh 623; Joan Ayres 548, High triple (handicap): Nick Biljetina 799; Joan Ayres 716

Wednesday Afternoon League (January 7)

High average: Ken Thompson 213; Jean Pugh 167, High single: Ken Thompson 255; Norma Terro 231, High single (handicap): William Tieber 292; Norma

Terro 301, High triple: Ken Thompson 644; Norma Terro 550, High triple (handicap): William Tieber 722, Norma Terro 760

Thursday Afternoon League (January 8)

High average: Alf Briscoe 213; Moe Briscoe 170, High single: Ken Thompson 246; Anne Manning 207, High single (handicap): Syd Lockhart 264; Anne Manning 273, High triple: Alf Briscoe 641; Moe Briscoe 510, High triple (handicap): Alf Briscoe 722; Moe Briscoe 702

Legion 636 Mixed League (January 5, 2004)

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 188; Leitha Stearn 148, High single: Tom Foster 258; Georgi Parkes 190, High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 605; Georgi Parkes 477, High single (handicap): Tom Foster 292; Georgi Parkes 262, High triple (handicap): Tom

Foster 703; Georgi Parkes 693

Team Matches

Low Rollers def. Sure Shots
Ink Spots def. Miss & Hit
Gutter Groupies def. Happy Gang

Minden lanes sees Tom Foster bowl 258

Public Notice Class Environmental Assessment Fish Stocking in New Waters

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is inviting public comment on the proposal to stock walleye, rainbow trout and brook trout into 12 local lakes in the MNR's Bancroft District, Minden Area. The purpose of this proposal is to provide increased angling opportunities for these species within the district. These are new species introductions into waterbodies that presently do not have these fish species.

The lakes and fish species the Ministry is proposing to stock are:

Lake	Township	Purpose of Fish Introduction	
		Put-Grow-And-Take	Naturally Reproducing
Barnum	Dysart	walleye	-
Black	Dysart	walleye	-
Loom	Galway	walleye	-
Cinder	Hindon	-	walleye
Cranberry	Guilford	-	walleye
De Gaulle	Galway	-	walleye
Fishog	Digby	-	walleye
Lavery	Harvey	-	walleye
South Jean	Hindon	-	walleye
Tedious	Guilford	rainbow trout	-
Two Island	Dudley	rainbow trout	-
Kennisis	Havelock	brook trout	-

A project screening is being conducted under the Class Environmental Assessment for MNR Resource Stewardship and Facility Development Projects to assign this proposal to a category for evaluation. The assigned category determines the level of detail of the project planning evaluation and the amount of consultation that will be undertaken. This proposal has been tentatively assigned to Category B, on the basis that little or no public concern is anticipated with the proposal. Each lake will be assessed individually, and may be removed from the proposal if there is a high level of environmental and/or public concern. MNR is requesting public input on this category assignment before proceeding further.

Comments must be received within the 30-day comment period, which expires on February 11, 2004. The second notice - a notice of completion - will be provided only to parties who have provided input or requested further notice. MNR may proceed to implement the proposal without issuing a further general notice.

For more information on the proposal, to submit comments or to request further notice, please contact

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The MNR is collecting comments and personal information under the authority of the Environmental Assessment Act to assist in making decisions and determining any further consultation needs. All comments and opinions, which do not constitute personal information as defined by the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, will be shared among MNR, other government agencies and may be included in study documentation that is made available for public review. Personal information will remain confidential unless prior consent to disclose is obtained. However, this information may be used by the Ministry of Natural Resources to seek public input on other resource management surveys and projects. For more information on the collection and use of the personal information, contact: Vince Ewing, Acting Information Management Supervisor, P.O. Box 500, Highway 28, Bancroft, Ontario, K0L 1C0. Tel.: 613-332-3940, ext. 206



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Stanhope gets its own columnist

Recreation co-ordinator
Alicia Stevens will keep
Times readers up-to-date
on area happenings

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times Staff

Alisha Stevens may be paid to come up with fun ways to enjoy life in Algonquin Highlands but she's more than willing to throw in her love and enthusiasm for the municipality for free.

"It's just such a friendly little community and we have so many things happening here," she says with genuine conviction.

She should certainly know how much the municipality has to offer. Last April she was hired as a full-time recreation co-ordinator, spending the first two days of the week at the Dorset Recreation Centre and three days a week in Stanhope. That means she may be starting a new craft club in Dorset on Monday and flooding the outdoor rink behind the Stanhope Firefighters' Hall on Wednesday.

And now she has an additional responsibility. The 22-year-old graduate of Durham College's recreation and leisure services program is the new Stanhope correspondent for *The Minden Times*.

Her weekly column will highlight some of the terrific programs and events offered in the municipality – such as the January 24 Winter Fun Day – but will also provide a voice for township residents who have their own news to share. We invite readers from the township to let her know what special things are happening in their lives, as well as notification of any events they are planning.

Apart from the four years she spent in Toronto, where she met her fiancé, Alain Lafleur, Stevens has spent her entire life in the Highlands. She went to Archie Stouffer Elementary School and Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

She wasn't one of those teenagers who complained of being bored. All through her youth she was involved in Guiding, ending up with her Chief Commissioner's Gold Award after continually searching out new activities to help her earn another badge. Then she put her experience to work for Minden Scouts, volunteering as a junior activities leader and arranging camping trips. A career in recreation seemed a natural conclusion to her years of volunteer work.

It was also natural to want to move back to the Highlands after her fiancé completed his training as an environmental engineer. A month after she began working

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Martha Perkins/TIMES

The Times is thrilled to introduce Alicia Stevens as our new Stanhope correspondent. Not only did she grow up in the area before getting a job with the municipality as its recreation coordinator but she truly loves the place she calls home.

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It's a stretch, but yoga makes you feel good

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be relocated, however, they are welcoming everyone to come and share a dining experience at the wharf. The wharf also has TV for those hockey fans who like to go out to watch the game. Come on out and take a look at the Little Hawk like you've never seen it before.

Let the Kids entertain you for a change! Come out to the Lounge Cafés Kids Open Stage and play around. The Lounge Café is located on Hwy 118 East of Carnarvon. Kids Open Stage gives children the opportunity to show their talent. There are 10 to

15 performing spots in every Open Stage Day and some musical instruments are available for the kids to use. Whether you are a magician, a musician, a dancer or a storyteller you are welcome to get on stage and entertain. Kids Open Stage is on the Last Sunday of the month starting January 25th. To book instruments or sign up for a spot call Mark at 489-3311.

Need to get out and stretch? Yoga for rest and relaxation with instructor Pat Stegmaier is the perfect place for you. Yoga classes are held on Monday afternoons at 1pm at Club 35 in Halls Lake.

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If your kids need something to do every now and then or need a chance to meet other kids then a movie night is the perfect solution. Kids movie nights are held once a month at Club 35 in Halls Lake. The next movie night will be held on January 15th. We will be playing the Rugrats Go Wild starting at 6:45 pm. Drinks are for sale, everyone gets a special treat and the popcorn is FREE!

This column will be a weekly addition to *The Minden Times*. If you have questions regarding any of these events or if you live in the Stanhope Community and have something special that you would like to put in the Stanhope community news, please e-mail or give us a ring and we will do our best to include it in this column.

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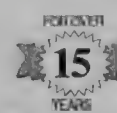
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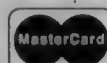


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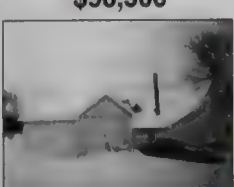


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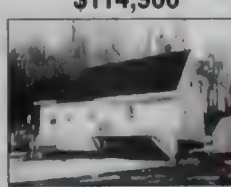
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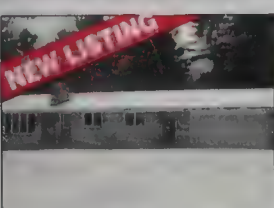
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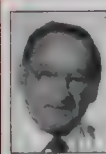
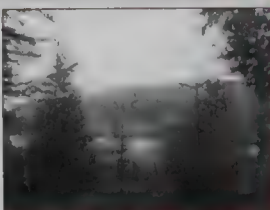


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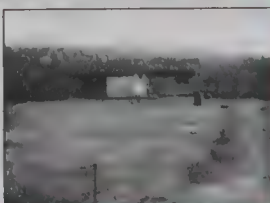
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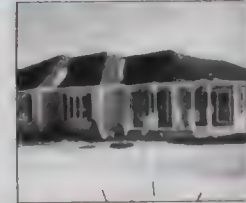
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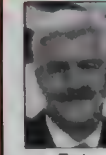
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From my vantage point here at the computer the full moon lights the winter sky. According to *The Old Farmer's Almanac* the Full Wolf Moon will occur on January 7th in 2004, and it did. It is also known as the Old Moon, and to some Native American tribes the Snow Moon, a name favoured by most, however, for the full moon of February. Along with the event of the Full Wolf Moon the Almanac says January 7 was also known as 'Distaff Day' marking the time for women to return to their work. That's news to me: I didn't even realize we were entitled to some time off.

Did you know that the month of January was named in honour of the Roman god Janus? Pictured with two faces, one looking back into the past and the other into the future, Janus was the protector of gates and doorways.

January is my special month. On my birthday the Almanac says s to "find spring in seed catalogs; send your orders



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now. "Winter's snow has finally just arrived to be enjoyed, too early yet for spring things. As kids we never had to dry dishes on our birthday. Not so much has really changed. There are no dishes to dry but someone still has to load them into the dishwasher.

The Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network hosts Lea Harper at the Delta Pinestone Resort on Thursday, January 15 with a buffet luncheon in the Minden Room from 1:00-3:00 p.m. A poet, songwriter and "extraordinary

woman of words "Lea's poems have been published widely and she has also been the recipient of prestigious awards for her body of work. To reserve your place please phone Marjorie Green at 286-2592 by Monday, January 12.

Arriving in this week's mailbox was the Winter 2004 edition of "Original Roots", the magazine of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group. Editor Gail Leach-Wunker of Miner's Bay, has once again drawn together items of interest for those exploring their roots and/or curious about earlier days in this area, making for good reading. The Group's address is PO Box 834, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 or Email: hhgroup@hotmail.com.

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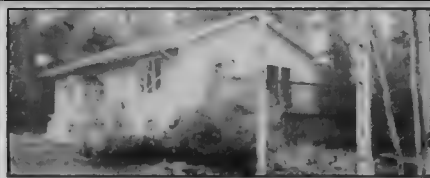


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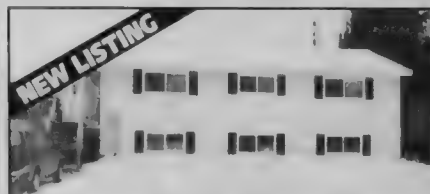
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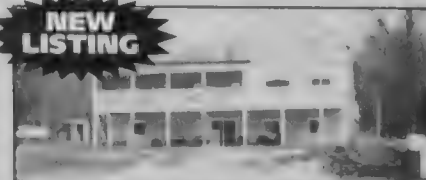


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The Haliburton Highlands Health Services has always been committed to keeping client/resident personal information accurate, confidential, secure and private. In an era where technology enables unlimited access to personal information within and across organizations, it is essential to revisit existing practices and procedures and update them as needed. To this end, we are in the process of enhancing our information management practices. Our process of enhancement has been enabled by privacy requirements that are based on 10 privacy principles which are internationally accepted.

We are pleased to inform you that we are revitalizing our privacy practices and developing a plan, consistent with the privacy principles. These principles provide a privacy framework for the management of personal information. By implementing this privacy framework, our organization will be better positioned to provide greater privacy protection of personal information.

We are pleased to announce that the Privacy Implementation Project will be led by: Kellie Churko, Director of Health Information and Chief Privacy Officer for HHHS.

We have appointed a Corporate Privacy Team to coordinate the Privacy activities. Members of the Privacy Team include: Keith Sansford - Chief Executive Officer, Lynne Johnston - Director of Acute and Ambulatory Care, Melinda O'Mara, Director of Care - Highland Wood & Hyland Crest, Beth Archibald - Director of Community Services, Connie Wood - Director of Organizational Development, Dr. Norm Bottum, Lorrie Blanchard - Accounting Supervisor, Dale Walker - Executive Director of the HHHS Foundation, Chris Bonnett and Dave Howe - Members of the Board of Directors of the HHHS and Kellie Churko - Team Leader.

Watch for upcoming information on the Privacy Project. We will keep you informed of our progress and look forward to your contributions to this important project.

Euchre comes to Staunworth Court

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Remember there will be a new event with regular euchre at to be played at Staunworth Court, Minden on Friday, January 9th starting at 7 p.m. with a light lunch to be served. Parking is available on Prentice Street.

Friday, January 2 bid euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: Moonshots went to Ray Sisson, Garth Windsor, Jean and Pat Scadden while Peter Farr uncovered the hidden score. Leading the pinks was Marj Coffey 259 followed by Helen Windsor 247 and Colleen Davison 235 with Garth Windsor first for the white cards at 309 then Alvin Cowen 260 second and Tom Pearson 242 third.

Saturday, January 3 bid euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: June Branning reports a good turnout with top spot going to Marcel Roussel who scored an impressive 344 points. In second was Pat Roussel 283 with Verna McDonald third at 271. Jean Scadden had a single moonshot while Margaret Fletcher took two. The special prize winners were Don Burch, Norm Lee and Pat Scadden.

Monday, January 5 euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden: For high hands the winner was June Branning with Helen Skelding taking lone hands, Lorna Bridgeman low hands and Pearl Cowen the special prize. Thanks to Elaine Yeo for this update.

Monday, January 5 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake: In the most lone hands column it was Tom Pearson while Garth Windsor took home the baloney. For the ladies Barb Robitaille was high and Mary Pearson low with Garth Windsor topping the charts for the gents and Peter Farr

recording the low.

Monday, January 5 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden: For most lone hands ladies/men the winners were Mabel Deacon and Jess Barlow. High score holders were Jeanne Keliele for the ladies and Don Hicks for the men while Gwen Cox and Marion Stickwood had the afternoon's lows. Bill Mosley held the hidden score with Norm Lee and Lorna Hicks taking the other prizes.

Monday, January 5 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636: Elva Paisley reports that the top trio were Jean Scadden first, Pat Roussel second and Pat Scadden third. Other prizes went to Edith Burch, Jean Scadden, Gwen Cox and Mary McCutcheon.

Monday, January 5 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: High score honours went to Phyllis Windsor while Ida Young was the draw prize winner. Single moonshots landed on Roger Fournier, Thelma Francis and Phyllis Windsor with Ida Young taking two.

Tuesday, January 6 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636: In first place was Thelma Francis 288 followed by Isobel Cherwenka 279 and Kay Naylor 254. Moonshots went to Thelma Francis and Margaret Fletcher while holding the hidden scores were Kevin Maloney, Norm Lee and Don Burch. Thanks to Marie Dennie for her report.

Tuesday, January 6 euchre at Gelert: For the ladies Joyce Schellenberg tallied the high score and Isabel

see SHOWER page 24

notices



Public Notice

The Council of the County of Haliburton is inviting individuals having an interest in participating on the County Economic Diversification Committee to submit a Letter of Interest/ Resume to the attention of the County Clerk.

Letters are to be received by Friday, January 23rd, 2004 at 4:30 pm and may be sent by mail, fax or email to the attention of

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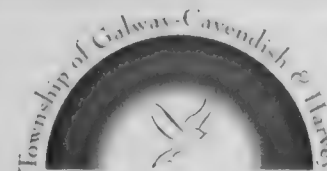


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In accordance with the requirements of the Municipal Act, 2001 and County of Haliburton By-law 2893, notice is hereby provided that County Council will be receiving scheduled deputations from individuals and organizations at each Council session in the months of January, February, and March.

As the deputations may be requesting funding that may influence the 2004 County of Haliburton budget, public notice is deemed necessary. County Council sessions are open to the public and are scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise advertised. Meetings are held in the County Council Chambers located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden. The meetings commence at 9:00 am.

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The volunteers of the Galway/Cavendish/Harvey Township Christmas Hamper Committee would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to the 2003 Hamper program. Twenty-eight hampers were assembled for families in our locale and distributed on Sat. Dec. 20th.

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- **Al-anon**, a support group for family & friends of alcoholics. Meets every Monday at 8pm at Hyland Crest. For meeting locations, days & times call 705-374-4633.
- **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m., in the Fireside lounge, Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home, Minden. Call Rick Ratcliff 286-6699 -email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.
- **Well Baby Drop-In** - Mondays at the HKPR Health Unit in Haliburton. 1:30-3:30 p.m. We will weigh your baby, discuss infant care, provide breastfeeding support, etc. Call 457-1391 ext.224.
- **The Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre** invites you to come & experience our exciting Self-Care workshops. Each workshop runs from 1 to 3 p.m. Advanced Registration Required. For a list of workshops with dates call 705-748-5901.
- **Family Services of Haliburton County** is in urgent need of volunteer respite workers, someone who can be a special "buddy" and share your interests, or plan a fun activity with a child who has special needs in Tory Hill, Halls Lake, Haliburton, Donald, & Cardiff. Call Marilou at Family Services 457-5345 ext 308.
- **Climax Climbing Club** - a drop-in indoor rock climbing program offered by Family Services. Every Tuesday ending April 13th (excluding school holidays) at Camp Madeeba in West Guilford. Call 457-5345.
- **Parents - would you like your child to learn to sing?** We are looking for children of any age to sing under the leadership of Joy Bain, with help from several teachers from Archie Stouffer. This will be a non-denominations fun church group, that will learn to sing and perform for residents at Hyland Crest, church congregations and perhaps at various other local events. Phone Joan Grant 286-3323.
- **January 15:** 1 p.m. General meeting of the Minden H.H.H.S. Auxilliary at Hyland Crest. Dwight Thomas will talk about the Paramedic Service. Question & answer period will follow. Everybody welcome.
- **January 15:** Haliburton 50+ Club welcomes you to join us at the Haliburton Legion Hall for our next meeting. This month will be our annual fun filled auction. We ask that you bring your oldies but goodies & enjoy an evening of bidding. Doors open 4:30pm. Dinner 5:30pm. Let Mary or Brian know you're attending by Jan. 13th. 754-3319.
- **January 19:** Craft day for adults at Burnt River Library at noon. 454-9646
- **January 20, 27 & Feb 3:** Ontario Early Years Centre provides parents of children 0-2. 10am to 12pm Haliburton. For info or to register call Bev at 286-4625.
- **January 20:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups. Haliburton Alzheimer Office 1pm-2:30pm. Contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, at the Alzheimer Society Office in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **January 21:** Women's Institute will welcome guests as we start our New Year at the Common Room of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery at 1:30pm. We'll have a biography of a W.I. member, then proceed with our Current Events & our Tweedsmuir Books.
- **January 22:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups. Minden Hyland Crest 1pm-2:30pm. Contact Janet Bottum, Support Services Coordinator, in Haliburton 457-8335.
- **January 24:** Family Literacy Day at the following Libraries: Dalton (11 a.m.), Kirkfield (9:30am). For info contact the individual library branch.
- **January 24:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Introductory Ice Climbing Workshop presented by Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network and Medeba Adventure Learning Centre. For info and to register contact 705-489-4049, info@trailsandtours.on.ca or visit www.trailsandtours.com
- **January 24:** Introductory ice climbing workshop presented by Trails & Tours Network and Medeba. For details & to register, contact Trails & Tours Network at 705-489-4049 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca
- **January 27:** Celebrate Family Literacy Day at Coboconk Library at 6 pm.
- **January 28:** Family Literacy Day at Kinmount Library 11am. 488-3199.
- **January 30:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.: Snowmobiling Workshop presented by Haliburton Highlands Trails & Tours Network & the Haliburton County Snowmobile Assoc. To register 489-4049, info@trailsandtours.on.ca or visit www.trailsandtours.com.
- **January 31:** Introductory snowmobiling workshop presented by Trails & Tours and Haliburton County Snowmobile Assoc. For details & to register, contact Trails & Tours Network at 705-489-4049 or info@trailsandtours.on.ca

Events listings are provided **FREE** for non-profit groups on a space-available basis. While we endeavor to accommodate requests for publication, we cannot guarantee that all requests for listings will appear. Requests should be faxed to The Times at 286-4768, emailed to editor@mindentimes.on.ca., or brought in to the office. **NOTE:** This calendar is **NOT A COMPREHENSIVE LISTING OF ALL EVENTS** taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in The Times for more information on events and in the Highlands

Shower of moonshots rains

from page 23

Steadman the low while George Bartley was high man and Gene Newell low. Betty Curry held the most lone hands.

Tuesday, January 6 Stanhope Firehall Seniors Social Club Mixed Shuffleboard: Top spot went to Alf Briscoe and Betty Lockhart 254 with the team of Helen Skelding and Grace Berardi tied for second with Laura Carnegie and Lottie Ruttan at 235. Third place went to Syd Lockhart partnered with Ellen Holden 223 while Verna Sawyer and Colleen Davison took the afternoon's low score at 49. Syd reminds that due to renovations there will not be shuffleboard for a week or two and that he will advise when the next event is scheduled.

Tuesday, January 6 contract bridge at Stanhope: There were two Slams in the afternoon both by Mary McNeice partnered first with Dorothy Thayer and then Muriel McIntosh. Leading the high scoring quartet was Dorothy Strype 5600 then Betty Roszell 4950, Muriel McIntosh 4730 and Diana Spicer 4600. Lucky draw winner Gloria Moore congratulated Dorothy on her "H.H." Special Award echoing the sentiments "Happy Hollydays" to all.

Wednesday, January 7 bid euchre at Stanhope: A shower of moonshots rained down on Garth Windsor, Muriel Harrington, Kevin Maloney, Marj Coffey, Alf Helleman and Jean Scadden. Leading the pinks was Edith Burch 289 followed by Jean Scadden 259 and Marj Hamilton 254. Marcel Roussel was first for the white cards at 306 with Grace Berardi 278 second and Bill Milford 267 third. Gala Stamp reports a good turnout for the evening in spite of the cold.

Wednesday, January 7 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: In first place by a narrow margin were Muriel McIntosh and Ross Fletcher at 58.85% with Bill Sandford and Don Mills second at 58.80%. Third spot went to Margo Davidson partnered with Doug McIntosh 54%.

Wednesday, January 7 Kinmount Seniors euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441: For the ladies Joanne Freeman had the high score and Emily Harvie the low. Leading the gents was Ted Wilkins while Truman McNeil recorded the low. Lone hand honours went to Harold Harvie with Adam Freeman winning the draw. Thanks to Mildred St. Thomas for this update.



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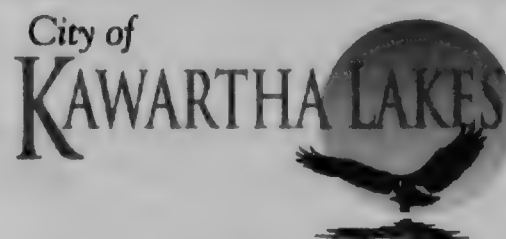
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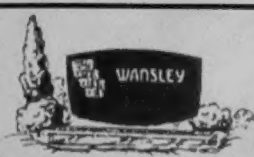
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I WOULD LIKE to thank my friends and family who were there for me during the month-long battle my Mom suffered through in Ottawa and her recent passing. Thank you so much for your support, sympathy cards, donations and understanding. I would especially like to thank Curtis for everything he has done. Terry, thanks for looking after our dogs, also Bill and Angie, Chris and Butch, Gala and Gene, Dorothy, Audrey, Myrtle and everybody else in and around Gelert who helped up out in one way or another. You all helped in some way to make our trip to the Arctic to attend the funeral possible, and that we thank you. Sincerely Sarah Reid.

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Dear daughter of the late Wilfred and Peggy Jarvis. Dear sister of Lynne and Gary of Haliburton, Ross and Valerie of Toronto, and predeceased by brother Alan. Loving aunt of Alan, Elizabeth and Peter Tate; James and Matthew Jarvis. Fondly remembered by her friend and companion Larry Watt and by all her friends at Community Living in Haliburton. Friends were invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Friday afternoon from 3:00 until 5:00 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Saturday, January 10, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Memorial donations to the Community Living, Haliburton County would be appreciated by the family.

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**DOROTHY LYDIA ASH
(RADFORD)**
in her 77th year
at Soldier's Memorial
Hospital, Orillia

on Saturday, January 3, 2004
Beloved wife of late Garnet Ash. Dear mother of Beverly (Jim) Lunney of River Drive Park and Shirley (Jim) Kirk of Minden. Dear stepmother of Carol (Bill) Carlisle, Ken (Anne) Ash, Don Ash all of Holland Landing, and Larry (Mary Ellen) Ash of Owen Sound. Dear sister of Phyllis Brandon, Kathleen Roberts, Jack Radford and their families and predeceased by Bob and Jim Radford. Also survived by 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren. Friends called at Lathangue & Skwarchuk Funeral Home, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford for visitation on Tuesday, January 6, 2004 from 11 am to time of service in the Chapel at 1 pm. Interment Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Bradford. Donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

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GRANT, BETTY (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario) Quietly at Haliburton Hospital on January 2nd, 2004. Beloved wife of the late Ron Grant. Loving mother of Martin and Randall. Devoted grandmother of Heidi. Dear sister of Allan Zalkin & Molly (Lou) Consky. Predeceased by her parents Saul & Bella Bernstein, her son Terry and sister Dorothy Webber. She will be sadly missed by her family and many friends. Services were held at the Benjamin's Park Memorial Chapel, 2401 Steeles Ave., W. (1 light west of Dufferin) on Monday afternoon, January 5th at 1 o'clock. The family received friends at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Tuesday evening, January 6, 2004 from 7-9 pm. As expressions of sympathy donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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HANNEL "HANNA" WALSH
passed away at
St. Michael's Hospital, Toronto
on Sunday, January 4, 2004
in her 64th year.

Loving partner of Harald Rolff-Petersen of Barrie. Predeceased by her husband Douglas Walsh and by her parents Joseph and Rosa Jobst. Dear mother of Cynthia and her husband Scott Marnoch of Cambridge, James Walsh and partner Jodie of Orillia, grandmother of Donna and sister of Janet and her husband Darrell Reeder of Midhurst. In accordance with Hanna's wishes, there will be no Funeral Service. Cremation has taken place. Interment at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Barrie. Memorial Donations to the Minden Hospital Building Fund would be appreciated and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777).

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**MAUREEN MARGARET BUX-
CEY (nee Bohaker)**
Passed away peacefully at
home in Minden on Wednesday,
January 7, 2004

Loving wife of Don, cherished mother of Wendy, Donald, Linda, Ann and Michelle. Beloved sister of Rosemary, Gregory, Andres and sadly missed by her godmother Doris Hicks and many grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden, on Monday, January 12, 2004 at 1:00 p.m. Cremation has taken place. A Burial Service will be held at Minden Cemetery in early June 2004. Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Writers and Editors Network can be arranged through Marjorie Green at (705) 286-2592.

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WILKINS, CORA (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario) At Haliburton Hospital on Monday afternoon, January 5, 2004 in her 99th year. Beloved wife of the late Victor Wilkins. Loving stepmother of the late Bertram (June) Wilkins of Brampton. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Christine, Craig, Bob, Daniel and her nine great grandchildren. Predeceased by her brothers James, Mossum, Ted, Les and sisters Iva, Jean, Vera, Kathleen and Jessie. Also lovingly remembered by niece Lois and nephew Brian. Dear friend of Betty Hodgson. Friends called at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Thursday afternoon, January 8, 2004 from 12 o'clock (noon) until time of Funeral Service in the Chapel at 1 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy donations to a charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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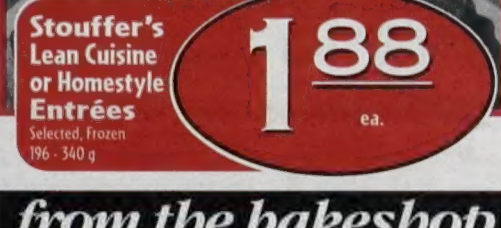
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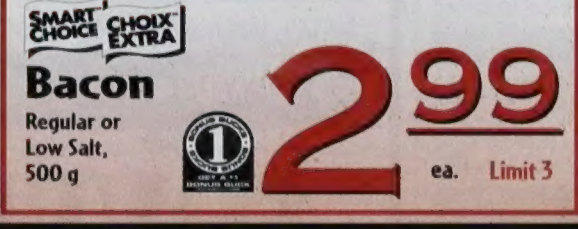
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